(c) and (d) No decision as yet has been taken with regard to the continuance or not of the Scheme beyond the 9th Five Year Plan period ending on 31st March, 2002. As regards the services of the Project Officers and community organisers, the matter has to be decided by the State Government.

Officers working in sensitive posts for years in violation of CVC's order

3029. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Deputy Directors/ Section Officers in his Ministry and attached offices are working for more than three years in sensitive posts in violation of Central Vigilance Commission's Order No. 98/VGL/60, dated 15th April, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to follow the instructions strictly in regard to rotation of officials working in sensitive posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Transfers of officers working in sensitive posts for more than three years is a continuing process and are effected while taking note of exigencies of work in the Ministry and its attached offices.

Privatisation of Water Supply

3030. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have privatised the water supply in the country;

(b) if so, the private agencies functioning in Gujarat to supply water there;

(c) the total investment made by Government and the funds provided to Gujarat;

(d) the reasons for supply of drinking water once a week on ration card; and